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WAR NOW CERTAIN

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Japanese Minister Hayashi has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant any of the Japanese proposals regarding the issue in the Far East. He states that he believes war is now probable.

The Japanese legation is believed to have been advised by the home government on the latest developments in the negotiations with Russia. No information on the subject has been given out, but the belief in diplomatic circles is that the admission of Minister Hayashi regarding the probability of war is based on more certain information than the report from Paris.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, has given up hope of a peaceful settlement of the trouble between Russia and Japan. The belief among British statesmen is now understood to be that war is inevitable and is likely to result within a few days. The statement of Lord Lansdowne is generally accepted here as an official utterance from the British Cabinet.

IROQUOIS THEATER EMPLOYEES ARRESTED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The authorities have placed several employees of the burned Iroquois Theater under arrest pending investigation. The evidence given before the coroner's jury goes to prove that there was gross negligence on the part of some one employed about the theater in not providing proper safeguards against fire.

Public feeling is running very high and the authorities will prosecute all who are in any way responsible for the appalling loss of life. A corrected list of the dead to date shows that 582 people perished as the result of the fire in the theater.

NEW YEARS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The annual reception at the White House was held today. The affair was a most brilliant affair and was attended by a vast throng. Members of the foreign diplomatic corps, the Cabinet, Army and Navy and many people of international prominence attended the affair.

MCCLELLAN INAUGURATED AS MAYOR.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—George B. McClellan, the Democratic Mayor-elect of Greater New York was today inaugurated in the presence of a vast throng. The inaugural speech was a forceful statement of the policy that the new Mayor will pursue.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

GIBRALTAR, Jan. 1.—Two Russian torpedo boat destroyers bound to reinforce the Russian fleet in the Far East passed here today.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORT.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PORT SAID, Jan. 1.—A Russian transport with 2,000 soldiers aboard, bound for Port Arthur from Russia, arrived today and entered the Suez Canal.

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By as diverse ceremonies as there were attitudes of mind, the new year, 1904, was ushered in by the people of Honolulu. There were watch-night services at the German Lutheran and at the Central Union churches; dances at the Alexander Young and the Moana Hotels; private festivity in many homes. On the streets and everywhere in the air there was the noise of steam whistles and fish horns, the rattle of fire-crackers and the explosion of bombs. Throughout the evening in an ever deepening crescendo the volume of these noises reaching its climax soon after the clocks all over the city had begun. For nearly half an hour the noise was at flood tide and then began to ebb as one after another of the merry-makers sought couch and repose. Throughout the night strolling bands of native musicians perambulated the city playing and singing their Hawaiian songs, and being made the recipients of the largesse of the citizens honored by their serenades. Some of the bands kept vigil and performance

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Suicide At The Hawaiian Hotel

WILLIAM S. HANCOCK, A CONSUMPTION, CIGARETTE FIEND AND USER OF MORPHINE, MAKES DELIBERATE PREPARATIONS AND SHOT HIMSELF THIS MORNING.

Consumption, cigarettes and morphine were a combination which ended in the suicide this morning at the Hawaiian Hotel of William S. Hancock, a youth of twenty, who arrived here on a recent steamer and was apparently a college graduate of good family. He lay on his bed in room G 11, held a mirror in one hand and a forty-five revolver in the other, and fired a bullet through his head. Dr. Walters was quickly summoned and arrived in time to see the unfortunate young man's expiring gasps.

Hancock had plenty of good clothing and good jewelry, but little money was found among his effects. He is said to be from New Orleans. He was a passenger on the last trip of the Ventura and was popular among his fellow-voyagers. He was one of the liveliest passengers on board, taking an active part in getting up the daily pools, and being always an entertaining companion. He was an incessant cigarette smoker. The stubs of twenty-eight cigarettes, thrown about the room in which he finally ended his consumptive sufferings, give testimony to his indulgence in the habit to the end. Cigarettes were all over the room.

Hancock was also a user of morphine and this is thought to have contributed to his depression. He suffered terribly with consumption and was in a very weakened condition. Several days ago he was heard to say that he had not a relative in the world. There is reason to believe that this was part of a suicidal plan well thought out, with a view to concealment of his real identity. The suicide left nothing to show where his relatives were if he had any. All that exist as clues to his identity are his name, his clothing and jewelry. The cuff buttons bear a design which appears to be of the Kappa Epsilon Greek letter fraternity.

Hancock destroyed all his letters and photographs before shooting himself. He appears to have well considered the deed, but to have hesitated long before finally pulling the trigger. All the circumstances tend to show long deliberation. While New Year's celebration were going on all about him, Hancock lay on his bed, mirror and pistol in hand all through the morning, and finally at 11 o'clock he pulled the trigger.

The body presented a most ghastly appearance as viewed by the coroner's jury at the hotel. The big bullet had shattered the skull in several places and the flow of blood had been copious, forming a red pool on the bed clothes. Hancock was dressed in his pajamas. The mirror had been dropped by his side, the pistol lay just where it has had been fired from, and his right hand was across his body. He appeared not to have moved since firing the fatal shot. The bullet passed through his head, fracturing the skull on both sides, and struck the wall.

The young suicide lived and acted as a person of means. He stayed at the Young Hotel for two days after arriving, and a receipted bill for his expenses was among the few documents he left. Another receipted bill for his week's board at the Hawaiian showed that he paid his accounts up to date. All his other documents, which might have shown his real identity, are thought to have been destroyed by him. Last night he entered the kitchen of the hotel with the documents in his hands, and placed them in the stove. It was one of the final preparations for the self-murder that was to follow twelve hours later. Hancock retired to his room and slept there, or remained there, and nothing is known of him until he was seen in his last moments this morning, with the twenty-eight cigarette stubs by his bedside.

"He was never conscious after firing the shot," said Dr. Walters. "When I arrived he was just alive and no more. He gasped once or twice and that was all."

The deceased was seen about the hotel yesterday by his Ventura companions and others whose acquaintance he made while in Honolulu. He did not in any way show unusual depression. All who have met him prescribe him as a youth of refinement and education, and his features bear out the description. Consumption had laid a firm hold on his system, and he was a slave to the cigarette habit as well as a user of morphine, though not over twenty years of age in the opinion of the doctor, and he chose the sudden exit of a suicide rather than live and suffer.

SPECIMENS OF A RARE MINERAL

J. J. Williams has secured a quantity of the wonderful new mineral discovered in a mine in Mariposa county, California, of which so much has been said lately in these mining and metallurgical journals. He secured it from one of the owners of the mine who is visiting in Honolulu, and has divided it up in small pieces and given them as souvenirs to his friends.

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Nippon Maru May Run In War This Trip

JAPANESE MAIL LINER IS DUE IN YOKOHAMA JANUARY 15—WAR SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE DECLARED BEFORE THAT TIME—VESSEL EXPECTED TO RUN INTO HOSTILITIES ON LAST OUTWARD TRIP.

Captain Greene of the Japanese S. S. Nippon Maru which is due here from San Francisco Monday afternoon may run into his Russo-Japanese war after all. During the latter part of October while on the last outward trip of the Nippon Maru for the Orient, Captain Greene was given quite a scare by a report made to his chief officer that war had been declared between Japan and Russia. On that occasion there was excellent reason for believing the report. Mr. Mori, the chief officer had been given the impression by some one from the Japanese consulate of this city that news of the declaration of war had been received. The indications in the press dispatches were so confirmatory of this probability of war that Captain Greene readily believed the report.

He was at first undecided about leaving this port without calling for advice, but later decided to depart on time and put into Midway to ascertain if there had been any truth in the report. The vessel did stop at Midway but his assumption as the cable station was reached in the night, he decided not to waste time waiting for daylight to send a boat ashore, but to continue onto Yokohama and take chances. This decision proved to be based on good judgment for the report of war had been incorrect.

On the present trip, however, the conditions are far more indicative of war. The probability is that war will be declared by Japan within the course of a week. The Nippon Maru will sail from Honolulu for the Orient next Tuesday. In the belief of many, war will be declared by that time and the movement of the Japanese fleet will commence before the Nippon Maru reaches Yokohama where she is due on January 15.

It is not unlikely that the vessel and perhaps all of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet running to this port may be impressed immediately by the Japanese Government for use as transports to convey the landing forces to Korea. There is not much likelihood of any Russian cruisers capturing the Nippon Maru this trip, however, as the Japanese fleet is able to keep the enemy's vessel busy.

Many Of The Jurors Wanted To Indict

THE HOUSE VOUCHERS INVESTIGATION AND HOW THE GRAND JURY HANDLED IT—A NEW GRAND JURY, TO BE CHARGED ON MONDAY BY JUDGE ROBINSON, WILL TAKE IT UP.

W. M. Templeton was not the only member of the Grand Jury who wanted to bring indictment in connection with the investigation of the House vouchers. As stated in The Star some time ago, there were eleven votes for an indictment, when the matter was determined and a majority of those who signed the jury's general report were in favor of action, but, recognizing that they had not enough votes, they decided to pass the matter up to the next Grand Jury.

Judge Robinson will charge a new Grand Jury next Monday, when the new term of the circuit court begins. It is expected that the judge will have something to say about the vouchers, and the jury will probably take them up and made the investigation which the last jury said it had not time for.

Only one case was presented to the last Grand Jury by Deputy Attorney General Rawlins. This is said to have been the matter of the mysterious Chi-Chi fund committee's voucher for expenses never incurred. The case was presented as regarded as the strongest among a number of possible cases, and when the jury failed to bring an indictment in the case, Rawlins decided that it was a waste of time to present the others. The eleven jurors who wanted to indict were of the same opinion, and the matter was therefore dropped.

The majority report is said to have been a compromise. It was understood that there were to be two reports, one by the eleven who wanted indictments and another by the other side, but on the last afternoon, when Templeton was absent, a general non-committal report was agreed upon, practically passing the matter up to the next Grand Jury. Yesterday morning Templeton refused to sign it and wrote a short report of his own.

Templeton's report is said to have been written after the jury had presented its report and been discharged. In court the jurors simply presented their whole report, with four indictments and Judge Robinson discharged them finally, with thanks and wishes of a happy New Year. Later Templeton's report appeared and the judge allowed it to be made a part of the jury's report.

The proceedings of the jury have caused consternation among those who were under investigation. It is now admitted to be extremely likely that the next Grand Jury will take some positive action in the matter, and some of the grafters of the well-vouchered House may have to appear as defendants in a criminal court.

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